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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

16. A method of producing a skeleton for a steering wheel rim made of sheet metal, said method comprising the steps of:

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